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132 Speeding Citations Issued as Part of Statewide Campaign

Dover – Between September the 15th and the 21st, Delaware law enforcement officers issued 132 citations for speeding violations as part of the 2008 “Stop Aggressive Driving” campaign. This brings the total number of speed citations for the first six weeks of the initiative to 1,302. The statewide initiative is coordinated by the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Participating police agencies include Delaware State Police troops statewide, the Dover Police, the New Castle County Police and the Wilmington Police.

In addition to last week’s 132 speeding citations, officers also made 2 DUI arrests and issued 87 citations for other traffic violations including individual offenses such as running red lights and stop signs, which are identified aggressive driving behaviors.

Preventing speed-related crashes and fatalities is the new focus of the “Stop Aggressive Driving” campaign, which OHS and law enforcement launched July 7th. Speeding remains second only to DUI as the leading cause of traffic deaths in Delaware according to statewide crash data. Of particular concern to OHS is the number of speed related fatal motorcycle crashes which have occurred this year. Ten of the 16 fatal motorcycle crashes since January 1st involved speed according to police reports. Officers are being encouraged to keep an eye out for aggressive motorcycle operators; though all are aware they must weigh the risk to themselves or other motorists when attempting to stop speeding bikers.

For more information on the “Stop Aggressive Driving campaign, visit the Office of Highway Safety website at www.ohs.delaware.gov.

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